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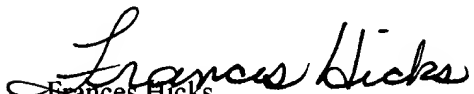
This is a decision on the petitions under 37 CFR 1.182, filed September 20, 2006, requesting issuance of a duplicate Letters Patent for the above-identified patent and for expedited consideration of the petition for duplicate Letters Patent.

The petitions are **GRANTED**.

The Publishing Division is directed to issue a duplicate Letters Patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218. Inquiries regarding the issuance of a duplicate Letters Patent may be directed Krystal Paige in the Publishing Division at (703) 308-9250, Ext. 139.

A copy of this decision is being faxed to Publishing Division for issuance of a duplicate Letters Patent.

  
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